

How Do I Talk with Other People? (Speaking)

There are many ways to communicate with others in Second life. You can send messages, by typing them on your keyboard, in much the same way you send instant messages using your cell phone, or you can speak with your voice.

Let's find out how to use your voice.

Speaking in Second Life

In addition to sending typed messages, you can speak (and hear!) in Second Life. Just click the speak button, to the right of the blank white chat bar and you'll notice that the green button light comes on, indicating that whatever you say will now be broadcast to the local area.



It's a good idea to wear a headset (with a microphone) if you use voice in Second Life. The sound quality will be much better and you will reduce the risk of annoying echoes.

To turn off your speak button, just click it again, and the green light will go off.

If you are in a location where someone else is speaking you will see green "sound waves" over their head that look like this:



If you are there to listen, it's a good idea to have your own "speak" button turned off. If you know someone is speaking, but you are having trouble hearing, you'll want to refer to the Troubleshooting Guide to help fix the problem.